

ROBBER GANG BLOW A SAFE IN BALTIMORE

At the Academy of Music after Overpowering the Night Watchman There.

VISIT CIGAR STORE TOO

Pittsburg Police Officials Think the Same Gang Visited That City.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—Three masked robbers entered the Academy of Music in North Howard street last night, overpowered the watchman, blew open the office safe and got away with between \$5,000 and \$6,000 leaving the watchman tied to a post in the auditorium. Afterwards the robbers broke into a cigar store adjoining the theater and stole a number of expensive pipes. The robbers left no crew and the police declared the job to be the work of experts and one of the best ever performed in this city. The men used some thirty blankets they found stored on the stage to deaden the sound of the explosion. Because of the fact that yesterday was a holiday there was an accumulation of money on hand from three performances and advance sales of tickets for next week's attractions.

SAME GANG AT PITTSBURG ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.
PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—Local police officials expressed the opinion today when they heard of the robbery of the Academy of Music in Baltimore that it had been committed by the same gang who blew the safe in the Pitt theater here on the night of Lincoln's birthday and robbed the safe of \$2,000. As in the Baltimore case the thieves selected a holiday when the receipts for the entire week were in the safe. The watchman and a stage-hand of the Pitt theater are in jail here for alleged complicity in the robbery.

CLARKSBURG

Woman among Passengers of Queen and Crescent Train Held Up by Bandits.

A message received Tuesday by Mrs. Nathan G. Stealey from her sister, Mrs. Will Delson, of El Paso, Tex., who lately visited relatives in Clarksburg, states that she was a passenger on the New Orleans limited of the Queen and Crescent railroad that was held up by bandits last Thursday night near Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Delson was on her way home from Clarksburg.

The message did not state that Mrs. Delson had been robbed of any valuables when the bandits held up the train, but as the Associated Press dispatches stated that the robbers confined their operations to the mail car and did not molest any of the passengers, it is thought that she did not lose anything. The train was stalled for four hours in a desolate spot and Mrs. Delson stated that the experience was quite terrifying.

BULLET HOLES

To the Number of Sixteen Are Found in the Head of a Dead Man.

OLEAN, N. Y., Feb. 24.—When Coroner Cassar Smith opened the casket containing the body of William Lebarger, of Bolivar, N. Y., who died at Manningsport, La., Wednesday it was found that the dead man had sixteen bullet holes in his head. Nothing was known here by the authorities or relatives of the manner in which he met death.

LOWER RATES

On Certain Things Which Now Take Merchandise Express Rates Are Probable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Representatives of five express companies conferred today with Chairman Clark and experts of the Interstate Commerce Commission about protests from shippers against classifications of certain commodities such as foodstuffs, milk and ice cream. The companies with the consent of the commission probably will make changes to lower rates on certain things which now take merchandise rates.

MOOSE HEART

Pictures Will not be Shown Here as Films are Lost.

The pictures of the Moose Heart home, at Aurora, Ill., which were to have been shown at the Orpheum theater here this afternoon and evening will not be shown as the express company lost the films and were unable to locate them in time for the show today. When the films are located another date will be arranged and they will be shown here in the near future.

BURGLAR GETS AWAY WITH \$150

ARMY MAJOR Is Placed on Trial for Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman.

NEW LONDON, Ct., Feb. 24.—Major Benjamin M. Koehler, of the United States coast artillery corps, was brought to trial today before a board of army officers at Fort Perry, Plum Island. While the nature of the charge was withheld, it was understood that the general charge is that of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman but with specifications which involve questions of morality and have to do with alleged acts at Fort Perry and at other places where he has been stationed since the Spanish-American war including a California post.

When the charges were first brought Major Koehler presented his resignation but Secretary of War Garrison declined to accept it under the conditions.

SCHOOL FIRE

Destroys Structure But the 700 Pupils March Out in Good Order Today.

ROCHESTER, Pa., Feb. 24.—The Rochester high school building was destroyed by fire today with a loss of \$50,000. Seven hundred pupils marched out of the burning building in good order although flames were shooting from the furnace room. After all had left the building a squad of boys, volunteers, saved some of the furniture.

CAR LINE

Is to be Built to Rivesville, a Town in the County of Marion.

Rivesville is the next town in Marion county to have a brand new street car line and electric lights. The Monongahela Valley Traction Company has made application to the common council of the town of Rivesville for a franchise. The company asks for the privilege of constructing a street car line in the streets of the town to erect poles, to operate cars and other necessary things in order to carry on an electric car, a lighting and power service.

COMMISSION TO MEET.

The West Virginia Debt Commission, of which Judge John W. Mason, Sr., of Fairmont, is chairman, will meet in Charleston this week to decide upon future action and to confer with the governor. The chairman has issued a call for the meeting to be held Friday.

OHIO LAW UPHOLD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Ohio excise tax on railroads was today upheld as constitutional by the supreme court.

STATE COAL MINERS LIKE INSTITUTE IDEA

Both Miners and Operators in State Manifest Interest in Them Now.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 24.—Coal miners' institutes are being organized throughout the state and both miners and operators are manifesting increasing interest in them. These institutes are, in their last analyses, schools of mining methods.

Pioneer work of this kind was undertaken about a year ago and since then institutes have been organized in several sections of the state. As time passes these organizations are being more thoroughly developed. The first miners' institutes were in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania. But the bituminous fields of West Virginia were not slow in recognizing the value of the work and the operators and leaders among the miners took them up.

One of the latest institutes to be formed was that of the employees of the United States Coal and Coke Company. Their organization was perfected at Filbert, W. Va. At the first meeting papers were read by miners and operators on subjects which come up in the daily routine of the mines. These papers had been carefully prepared and were listened to with the closest attention. The miners did not always agree with the conclusions arrived at by their colleagues and the discussion which followed served to bring out a number of original and meritorious suggestions. The nine officers were present and some of the suggestions made at the meeting were carried out later, to the benefit of all concerned.

Concerning the miners' institutes a prominent mining man recently had this to say:

"It is a well known fact that the people of the mining camps are principally foreigners who are without education and generally with little knowledge of the English language. This deficiency of knowledge on the part of the mine workers, by reason of which they are unable to understand the rules and regulations of the mines is what makes them a menace to safety, not only of themselves

Miscrants Enter Rear Door of Carskadon Grocery Store and Get \$150 in Cash.

A burglar last night entered and robbed the Carskadon grocery store on West Pike street of \$150 in cash and three small checks. He made a successful getaway and the police think that he left the city last night on a train or on a late interurban car. Thinking that he might have taken the latter course, the police this morning notified the police of Fairmont, Weston and all other nearby towns to be on the watchout for any suspicious characters.

The miscrant gained entrance by cutting a panel out of the rear door, reaching his hand through the aperture and lifting the bar. He had little trouble getting the money as it was not locked in the safe. It was contained in a small box kept under the counter.

It is thought by the police that the robbery was committed at an early hour last night as the tracks leading to the back door were partly filled with snow. The tracks also showed that the miscrant had first visited the rear door of the Swiger ice cream parlor. However there were no marks on the door to show that he had attempted to force an entrance there.

The police have only one clue as to the guilty party and that was furnished by Mr. Carskadon, who says that a rough looking character visited his store several times in the last few days, each time asking for a job. The police have a description of this man and are keeping a sharp watch out for him.

WOMEN VOTE

Today at the Chicago Primary for the Election of Aldermanic Candidates.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Women voters of Chicago cast their first ballot today at the primary for the election of aldermanic candidates. As candidates, as voters and as election officials they played an important part in the election, the first in this city since the passage of the equal suffrage act by the last legislature. The names of eight women candidates appeared on the ballots. More than 700 women acted as judges and clerks. Hundreds more representing clubs and political organizations had been officially designated as watchers and were at the polling places at an early hour.

NO POLICE COURT.

There was no session of police court Tuesday morning and the evil doers of the city have been on their good behavior for another twenty-four hours or have kept their bad deeds hid from the blue coated guardians of the peace.

AGAIN DECLARED VALID.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The constitutionality of the federal white slave law was again upheld today by the supreme court in the Wilson case from Chicago. The point whether the law is limited to commercial vice was not involved.

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CITIZEN OF MEXICO IS REBEL CLAIM

William S. Benton, Executed by General Villa, for Personal Affront Was

MAYOR OF TOWN ONCE

Is Said to Have Held Several Minor Offices under Former President Diaz.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 24.—The attempt of the Mexican rebels to establish that William S. Benton, the Scottish ranchman, who was executed just a week ago today, was a Mexican citizen, is based on a report that he once held some minor office while President Diaz was in power. The statement was made today at Juarez by Ferdinand Garza, counselor of the commander of the garrison, who added, "We have heard that Benton held several small offices under President Diaz and that he was once mayor of a small settlement on his own estate. He could not have held office without being a Mexican citizen and the records are being searched to establish the facts."

AFFECTS DEATH

And Thus Saves Her Life Sought to Be Taken by Her Enraged Husband.

CLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Presence of mind probably saved Mrs. James McConnell's life when she was being pursued by an enraged husband with a smoking revolver in his hand. McConnell fired twice at a slight flesh wound while the second was imbedded in her hair. When the second shot was fired, she dropped apparently lifeless into the bathtub and her husband believing he had killed her left the room. He then turned the weapon on himself and fired two bullets into his head.

REHEARING

Of Industrial Railway Case May Be Granted by Commerce Commission at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Assuming that trunk lines are arranging to immediately discontinue through rates with the Union Railroad Company, the Newburg and South Shore Railroad Company and the Lake Terminal Railroad, transportation subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation, attorneys for the corporation today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to reopen the matter of allowances to short lines of railroads serving industries.

As the application for rehearing of the industrial railways regarded as one phase of the pending rate case, it is the purpose of the corporation to consider it immediately. It is scarcely likely, however, that a determination either to deny or to grant the application will be reached before the regular conference of the commission in March.

OIL LANDS

In Mexico Are to Be Nationalized According to a Plan Now Laid.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—A plan for the nationalization of all the oil lands in Mexico is to be forced through the next Mexican congress which convenes on April 1 according to an admission made today by Senor Moseno, the head of the new cabinet post of commerce and industry. Senor Moseno says he presented the plan while he was yet a member of the chamber of deputies.

The report is current here that it is the intention of the federal government to transfer the oil lands to Lord Cowdray for fifty million dollars in gold after they have been nationalized.

CURLEY RESIGNS

His Seat in Congress as Result of Minority Leader Mann's Resolution.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Major James Curley announced today his resignation of his seat in Congress. In a statement he said he took the step as a result of the action of minority leader James R. Mann, who introduced a resolution in Congress yesterday proposing that Mr. Curley's seat be declared vacant. The resignation is to be effective from February 4.

PILLAR LAW UPHOLD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The Pennsylvania coal pillar law of 1891 requiring pillars to be left along the boundary line of adjoining coal properties was today upheld as constitutional.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

Meeting is Looked upon as One of Great Importance in State Politics.

An epochal session of the West Virginia Republican Executive Committee will be held at Charleston Wednesday when arrangements will be taken up for the county and congressional campaigns in 1914. The committee remains the same as that which conducted the victorious 1912 campaign.

The session is looked forward to as one of the most important in the history of the party organization in the state. Complete amalgamation of the two wings of the party hangs in the balance, realizing which, the outcome will be awaited with the greatest interest, not only in the state alone, but throughout the country. That the result will be eminently satisfactory and propitious is the consensus of opinion for it is pointed out that things have been slowly but surely working themselves out in a manner most pleasing for over a year with the breach between the two factions gradually being obliterated.

The committee includes the Hon. Harry B. Curtin, chairman; R. D. Bernheim, secretary; Virgil L. Highland, chairman of the executive committee; Charles Brooks Smith, director of the press bureau; H. M. Scott, director of the literature bureau; and J. F. Marsh, director of the speakers' bureau.

Members of the committee according to district, are as follows: First, H. F. Behrens, of Wheeling; and Thomas J. Sherrard, of Wellsburg; Second, S. W. Meals, of Moundsville; and C. L. Parks, of Marlborough; Third, T. A. Brown, of Parkersburg; and W. R. Meservie, of Harrisville; Fourth, Thomas P. Ryan, of Spencer; and S. B. Sayer, of Ripley; Fifth, H. H. Baker, of Hamlin; and William F. Hite, of Huntington; Sixth, R. B. Bernheim, of Welch; and M. Z. White, of Williamson; Seventh, J. F. Beardsley, of Hinton; and J. M. Sanders, of Bluefield; Eighth, J. W. Dawson, of Charleston; and Siegel Workman, of Madison; Ninth, George W. Curtin, of Curtin; and S. Dixon, of MacDonald; Tenth, T. D. Moore, of Marlinton; and E. G. Rider, of Sutton; Eleventh, D. H. Courtney, of Morgantown; and Dr. J. O. McNeely, of Fairmont; Twelfth, H. B. Curtin, of Clarksburg; and B. S. Stathers, of Weston; Thirteenth, W. E. Baker, of Elkins; and E. W. Martin, of Euckannon; Fourteenth, J. B. Jenkins, of Parsons; and F. L. Lakin, of Terra Alta; Fifteenth, George H. Child, of Harpers Ferry; and M. S. Harrison, of Berkeley Springs.

From all indications the meeting will not only be attended by the full membership of the committee but also by a large gathering of Republicans from all sections of the state. While many of those who will assemble in the capital will go there for the purpose of mingling with the party leaders and to look in on the deliberations of the committee, others will go at the invitation of Governor H. D. Hatfield for the purpose of aiding with their counsel in uniting all of the forces of the party for the next campaign. Included among the many visitors expected will be former members of the Progressive party in the last presidential campaign who have returned to the faith of their first love and who are doing all they can to place the party in a position to forcefully combat the Democratic foe.

A regular weekly meeting of the local lodge of Elks will be held at 8 o'clock this evening. The annual election of officers will be held next Tuesday night.

HIGHER SOCIAL CIRCLES IN CINCINNATI STIRRED

By the Issuance of Warrants against Four Prominent Men on Ugly Charge.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 24.—Cincinnati's higher social circles were startled today when warrants in the municipal court were issued for four prominent men here charging them with contributing to the delinquency of a sixteen year old girl.

The most prominent of the quartet is Colonel Brent Arnold, general freight agent and superintendent of terminals of the Louisville and Nashville railroad and one of Cincinnati's best known men.

The other three are H. Goldsmith, a manufacturer; Isaac N. Fox, a jeweler; and C. B. House, representative of a New York firm with headquarters in Louisville, Ky. The girl's name is Mildred Crane.

Mrs. Pickens was graduated from Broadus Institute here and she was a devout member of the First Baptist church of this city. She was an accomplished woman and most highly esteemed by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

The late Mrs. A. J. Findley was a sister of Mrs. Pickens and the surviving sisters are Mrs. Claude Gawthrop, of Lost Creek; and Mrs. John B. Grumline, who is with her husband at Cornell University, where he is doing post graduate work. The surviving brother is Guy Bassell, of Maryville, Tenn., who will arrive at his mother's home tomorrow for the funeral.

REVENUE AGENT HERE.

A. J. Wilkinson, of Huntington, revenue agent in the federal income tax department, is at the federal building today correcting returns, issuing blanks and answering questions. He will remain here only today.

A. J. Sheets went to Akron, O., Tuesday afternoon to spend several

Of Bell Telephone System is to Be Made to Arbutus Park.

The Central District Telephone Company is preparing to extend its Clarksburg system, according to E. J. Thompson, local manager, to afford adequate facilities at Arbutus Park so that any demands for Bell telephone service in that section of the city may be met promptly. The expenditure will amount to approximately \$3,000.

The work of constructing sufficient plant to provide facilities in Arbutus Park embraces the setting of seventy-six poles, the stringing of two miles of wire and of one mile of cable containing from fifty to 100 pairs of wires, also the removal of two miles of distributing wire.

Mr. Thompson said today that he felt certain there would be quite an increase in subscribers in that section, as a result of the efforts of the telephone company to make broader provisions for service.

COAST IDLERS

Will Not Start on March to Washington until They Get Blankets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—San Francisco's unemployed did not start their "on to Washington" march as planned yesterday. "We will not move," said one of the leaders, "until the city supplies us with blankets." The jobless celebrated Washington's birthday with speeches at their camp in the heart of the city and for the first time in many weeks municipal aid having been withdrawn Sunday. Fully a thousand men applied at the co-operative kitchen only to find it closed.

AUDITING BOOKS.

Benjamin A. Stewart, of Charleston, representing the state tax department, is here to audit the accounts of the county and circuit court clerks from 1905, the books of the late Sheriff M. J. Francis and ex-Sheriff Perry Byrd and the accounts of the county in general. He will be assisted by W. W. Lemley, another representative of the state tax department. The work will require several weeks.

PATIENT DOING NICELY.

Mrs. Robert Talbot, of Fairmont, is a patient in a local hospital, where she received surgical treatment. She is doing nicely. Mrs. Talbot is a sister of Dr. Thomas M. Hood, of this city.

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BRITISH ASK GOOD OFFICES OF UNCLE SAM

To Urge That There Should Be No Intervention on the Part of General Villa.

IN THEIR INVESTIGATION

Into the Death of William S. Benton, a British Subject, in Mexico.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The British government has invoked the good offices of the United States government to urge that there shall be no intervention by General Villa with its investigation into the death of William S. Benton.

The investigation is to be made by Charles Perceval, British consul at Galveston, Tex., who has been ordered to Juarez. Consul Perceval has been instructed to supply the most complete reports obtainable.

SHARP COMMENT IS MADE ON SIR GREY'S STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Sharp comment is made by the Manchester Guardian today on Sir Edward Grey's statement in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the killing of William S. Benton at Juarez by General Villa. The newspaper asks:

"Is it not mere playing with words to say that in such a case the United States has no responsibility? If that were the Monroe doctrine would be a mere instrument of international anarchy whereas the whole tendency of President Wilson's policy has been to make a force for order and good government. If we are not responsible then the United States certainly do not wish to drive the United States into intervention but it cannot deny to other powers the right of defending their interests and at the same time refuse to defend them itself."

THREE DROWNED

When a Johnboat Sinks in the Middle of Henry's Fork in Jackson County.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 24.—Three persons were drowned and six others had narrow escapes from a similar fate late last night when a johnboat, in which a party of nine Calhoun county people were being conveyed on their way home from church, sank in the middle of Henry's Fork.

The Dead.
Ruth Langford, her brother, 14. Commodore Mace, 15. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Langford, parents of the two first named, were among the six saved. The tragedy was due to the overloading of the boat. The six who succeeded in swimming to shore were nearly frozen before they reached the nearest farmhouse. The accident occurred ten miles from Spencer, county seat of Boone county. The bodies of the three drowned were recovered early this morning by farmers. A snow storm was raging at the time of the accident.

NEW TRIAL

Of the So-Called Bleached Flour Case Ordered by the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The supreme court today sent the so-called bleached flour case back to the district court for a new trial. The case was sent back with instructions that the law was, foods not containing enough questionable substances to injure health, was not condemned. The decision directly reaches out to thousands of articles of food.

THEFT

Of Letter Three Years Ago is Charged against Man in Jail Here.

Accused of stealing a letter from a box in the Parkersburg postoffice three years ago, a young man whose name is registered as E. F. Hayes, is in the county jail here awaiting the next term of federal district court at Martinsburg.

Hayes was arrested Monday evening in a street of this city by H. B. Dodge, United States deputy marshal, not long after the officer had received a warrant for his arrest. Tuesday the marshal took Hayes to Fairmont, where at the close of a preliminary hearing before John W. Mason, Jr., federal court commissioner, he was held for the federal grand jury and remanded to the Clarksburg jail.

SIGNS BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson today signed a bill limiting the hours of labor of women in the district of Columbia to eight